

THE PEOPLE'S STORE.

BIG HANDKERCHIEF SALE

65 Dozen Ladies white Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs 10c each former price 15c.
115 Dozen Ladies white Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs 15c or 2 for 25c never sold below 20c.
34 Dozen Ladies white Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs 25c former prices from 39 to 50c.
50 Dozen Ladies white Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 3 for 25c former prices 15c.
25 Dozen white Silk embroidered Handkerchiefs 15c former price 25c.
25 Dozen same better quality with open work 25c former prices 39 and 50c.
150 Dozen Ladies Irish embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 3 for 25c.
100 Dozen Ladies white embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs colored border 5c each former price 10c.

CHRISTIE & COMPANY.

EVERYBODY....

is in the habit of eating Confectionery, and he habit is not a bad one and will surely stay with you if you

EAT THE BEST

You don't want to part with a day's wages for a pound of Candy and I do not believe you want anything that is of doubtful quality. I am just now making a display of

ABSOLUTELY PURE CONFECTIONERY

purchased direct from the manufacturers at the lowest price such goods can be bought for Cash and am offering it at correspondingly low prices.

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12 State Street.
Telephone 220.

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The popularity of our Mantello photos at 11 a dozen surprises us. We are keeping them at this ridiculously low price a little longer hoping they will continue to draw attention to our Cabinets and other regular styles. We invite the most critical inspection.

MARTIN'S STUDIO,
East of North Adams, next Baptist Church.

By Telegraph 5.00 O'CLOCK.

THE TEXAS INQUIRY.

Navy Department Makes Public the Result of the Investigations.

SECY. HERBERT EXPLAINS.

Mr. Cramp Criticises the Critics. Texas is One of the Best of the Squadron. Inquiry Stopped

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—In the senate the committee on foreign relations meeting today was devoted to the consideration of the Cuban resolutions which have been referred. No action was taken by the committee which adjourned to meet Friday. It was said that the sentiment of the committee is favorable to reporting one of the resolutions, though the form is undetermined.

Reason For Postponement.

The postponement of action till Friday is for the purpose of securing further information from the state department regarding the situation in Cuba, especially the late developments. It is also the desire on the part of the members of the committee to ascertain exactly what Consul General Lee will report. Many documents have been sent to the committee or individual members, which the state department desire not to make public at the present time.

The Pension Bill.

The chaplain of the senate referred to the illness of Senators Allison and Warren, praying that they recover speedily. After some important routine business the pension appropriation bill was taken up and Mr. Gallinger, chairman of the committee supporting the bill, referred caustically to the statements regarding pension frauds.

Pricked President's Bubble.

The senator expressed great surprise at finding that the president's message showed the executive still held the idea that rascality pervaded the pension system. Mr. Gallinger said the present administration of the pension bureau was worthy of full approval, and he believed it was time to prick the bubble which the president is constantly introducing before the public regarding pension frauds.

Pension Bill Passed.

Mr. Hawley spoke on the same line saying that 167 convictions of fraud in an insignificant percentage in two million of pension cases. The bill then passed without a division. It is as it passed the house. The bill now goes to president.

Vest on Dingley Bill.

Mr. Vest called up the Dingley bill for the purpose of making remarks. He said he appreciated that he was talking on a dead issue, but would not allude to it if many well meaning people were not urging congress to act upon the bill.

He regards the Dingley bill as one of the most remarkable pieces of legislation ever presented. It was the result of the president's warning to congress a year ago that the condition of the finances was so dangerous that the usual holiday recess might well be abandoned.

Mr. Hawley and The Texas.

Mr. Bailey, Democrat, Texas, created a ripple of excitement in the house this afternoon by asking immediate consideration of the resolution to investigate the construction of the battleship Texas. Presenting the resolution he called attention to the allegations of many newspapers that the construction had been grossly mismanaged. He expressed the opinion that the country is entitled to know facts.

Navy Report on Texas.

The navy department this afternoon made public the findings of the court inquiry which investigated the facts connected with the sinking of the Texas in the dry dock at New York recently. In addition Secretary Herbert gave a detailed statement, reciting the criticisms which have been passed upon the ship and answering them minutely.

Best of the Squadron.

In substance he says the vessel was represented as the best accepted type when designed; that the Texas has more defects than are present in all new vessels; that many other vessels of our navy need changing quite as much although they have not been so unlucky. He says the Texas has suffered from surreptitious attacks by naval officers, which must cease, that Captain Evans and Captain Glass

pronounce the Texas the best sea boat of the squadron.

Charles Cramp Criticises.

The secretary quotes a letter from Charles Cramp criticising Admiral Brown for attacking private ship builders as conspirators against the Texas, but earnestly defending the vessel herself as a good ship. The secretary points out that all this talk is damaging to the interest of the navy and disastrous to the aspirations of our shipbuilders who are seeking foreign contracts.

Finding of the Court.

The court of inquiry found the vessel sank because of a flaw in the valve yoke casting which broke, letting the water in. No one was to blame thought the secretary adds that Chief Engineer Farmer of the New York Navy yard and Chief Engineer Moore of the Texas are guilty of carelessness in not putting in a black flange when the valve was disconnected. The proceedings are ordered discontinued.

THE SPANISH VIEWS.

Official Opinion of the Assassination Story. Troops for the Philippines.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
MADRID, Spain, Dec. 16.—Despatches from Havana say the pursuit of the insurgents is being actively pushed, especially in the provinces of Matanzas and Havana. Skirmishes are frequent and it is reported that the insurgents are retreating toward the west end of the island.

No attention is being paid in official circles here to the reports that Maceo was assassinated. The Spanish say if the Cuban leader was murdered he would have died at the table or in bed and not on the field of battle.

They say the superior numbers of the insurgents in the engagement near Punta Brava with Spaniards under Ciriuela disposes of the idea of ambush. According to the Herald 15,000 troops will be sent to reinforce the Spanish garrisons in the Philippine Islands.

FINANCIAL.

New York Market.

(Closing Quotations, 5 p. m.)
Received through the office of A. M. Towner, Room 3, Blackstone block. Executes order for stocks and bonds, deals upon New York Stock Exchange for cash or on margin. Private telegrams.
American Cotton Oil..... 111-75
Atlantic Sugar..... 43-12
American Tobacco..... 53-14
C. & G. 44..... 25-32
Canada Southern..... 48-14
Central of New Jersey..... 15-14
Chicago & North Western..... 102-7-8
Chicago Gas..... 75-14
St. Paul..... 71-14
Rock Island..... 64
Chicago & St. P. M. & O..... 47-14
C. C. & St. L..... 25-12
Coe, Wash. & Co..... 100-10
Del. & N. Y. Canal..... 12-10
Gen. Electric..... 31-12
Ill. Cent..... 49-1-8
Lake Shore..... 82
M. & T. C. Com..... 27-1-2
M. K. & T. Pres..... 10-1-2
Missouri Pacific..... 21
National Lead..... 21
New England..... 94-1-2
N. Y. Central..... 25-1-2
Ont. & West..... 31-1-2
S. E. Ry. & W. Co..... 11-1-2
No. Pacific pref..... 213-8
Pacific Mail..... 25-1-2
Phila. Reading..... 9-1-2
Southern Ry. common..... 27-1-2
Tex. Coal & Iron..... 25-1-2
Texas Pacific..... 9-1-4
Union Pacific..... 24-1-2
U. S. Ry. common..... 24-1-2
U. S. Ry. pref..... 24-1-2
Wabash pref..... 24-1-2
Western Union..... 24-1-2
Wichita & Lake Erie..... 7-14

Cotton.

Wheat—May 75 3/4
Corn—May 25 1/2
Oats—May 20 1/2
York—Jan. 75 1/2
Lard—Jan. 35 1/2
May 75 3/4
May 4 1/2

Cotton.

Jan. 75 3/4
March 75 3/4
May 75 3/4

Morning News Will Be Found on Page Four of this Paper.

LOCAL NEWS.

HENLOCK BROOK.

Aquatus Torrey, who was taken so suddenly ill with stomach trouble last week, is no better and fears are entertained for his recovery. A large swelling has developed near the groin, the result, he thinks, of a fall he had a month or two ago. He is unable to leave his bed and suffers much pain. Dr. Hull attends him.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sanders is yet in a very weak condition, having been ailing since its birth.

John Hickox has sold his milk route and engaged in the fish and oyster business.

Chauncey Galusha, after doing for the neighbors with his new ensilage cutter has completed a three days' job for Henry Savage at the Idlewild, and still there are calls from other parts of town. It has taken a good while, but most farmers have found the ensilage business pays all along the line.

By Telegraph 4.00 O'CLOCK.

STORM AND DANGER.

Ships Did not Sail Today. Harbors Blocked.

FROZEN DEAD IN A SLEIGH.

A Hamburg American Steamer Coasted Near Venezuelan Coast. Railroads Suspend Operations.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The storm of snow and sleet which began yesterday developed into a severe snow storm this morning. At 10 o'clock a S. S. Hook report was that the wind was forty miles an hour from the north northeast. It is very thick off shore. Telephone connections between the Hook and the life saving stations on the Jersey coast are down, preventing reports.

Navigation Suspended.

The thick atmosphere was caused by the blustering snow, which interferes materially with river and harbor navigation. Ferry traffic is uncertain. No vessels left port this morning. The American liner, St. Louis, Red Star liner, Noordland, White Star liner, Majestic, and a number of coasters were scheduled to sail today, but it was doubtful of the would venture out in the teeth of the gale now blowing.

Frozen to Death.

A Middletown, N. Y., special says: Percy Middlebrook, Frank Roe and Patrick Powers, all sons of prominent citizens of Florida, Orange county, took a sleigh ride last night returning at midnight. Roe and Powers attempted to assist Middlebrook from the sleigh when they found he was dead, frozen stiff.

The Harbor is Crowded.

New London, Conn., dispatches are to the effect that the big harbor is crowded with sailing craft of all sorts seeking refuge from one of the ugliest storms in years. The sound steamers succeeded in reaching the city not far behind the schedule, but no navigation is being attempted today. The trolley lines are crippled and the storm still continues.

Blocked at Philadelphia.

At Philadelphia the snow storm which began last evening shows no signs of abating. During the early morning the wind blew a gale. Railroad and street car traffic suffered considerably. The suburban lines are snow bound. Snow has fallen to a depth of six inches. The news from Delaware breakwater is to the effect that no marine disasters were reported.

Hamburg Liner Ashore.

A dispatch from La Guayra says that the Hamburg American steamship, Thuringia, which left Hamburg November 13 for West Indian ports, is now ashore east of Point Curacao, on the island of Curacao, 75 miles from the Venezuelan coast.

JUDGE COOPER'S MISSION

As Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hawaii He is Advocating Annexation.

(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 16.—The secret of Henry Cooper's mission to the United States is out. Mr. Cooper is Hawaiian minister of foreign affairs. He formerly lived at San Diego and was a prominent member of the bar. This morning he was quoted as saying he came to the United States to urge annexation, owing to fears the Hawaiian government entertains of Japan. The situation in Hawaii, according to Mr. Cooper, is that the Japanese far outnumber the other foreigners. The Americans are a handful in comparison.

Hawaii has a treaty with Japan and cannot exclude the Japanese, who are pouring into the island steadily, pushing into every business. Many are losing their humble demeanor that characterizes their countrymen on the coast. Through their great numbers and the prestige of the Japan and China wars are beginning to chafe for the elective franchise.

If they force Hawaii to give them a vote American ascendancy will be ended forever.

Judge Cooper has laid the situation before influential men in the East and he believes great strides will be made during the year under the McKinley administration toward annexation.

WOULD HAVE NO LICENSE.

Trouble Made by Having Liquor Sold "Over the Line."

STAMFORD, Vt., Dec. 16, 1896.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT: We were glad to see the question of the sale of intoxicants agitated in your valuable paper. Having previously lived where no license was given, we did not see the sad results that we do on living nearer, where license is given. We ask why it is that so many are wholly or partially intoxicated? Can we not find the answer, largely at least, in the fact that license is given just over the line. This is what helps to send our husbands and sons home, to gladden? no, not to sadden our hearts. You say they need not be so foolish as to indulge until so badly intoxicated. True, they need not, but knowing something of the clamor of appetite, we do believe that if the temptation was not placed before them they would many times escape unharmed.

You say it would be sold if no license was given; we may as well have high license and get the most out of it to help pay expenses. Friends, the price is too dear. Where is the man that votes for license, or gets it, that would want his son or brother visiting the saloon, nightly because it helped to pay expenses? Would it not be far better to give no license and then choose officers of the law who would be humane enough to be true to their trust and thus help their brothers and fellowmen from the pitfalls which public indecency holds out to them? and then when our comrades, our brothers, our townsmen return from your city they may come from a city made fair, not with whited sepulchres, but with noble deeds and lofty aims.

TEMPERANCE.

A GOOD BILL OF FARE.

Many Should be Able to Spend This Evening Very Pleasantly.

This evening's events will furnish entertainment for people of all tastes. At the Congregational church Dr. Lyman Abbott will lecture under the auspices of the Tuesday Night Institute on "Our Homes and Their Enemies." It is a great privilege to hear such a speaker as Dr. Abbott and the church should be filled.

At the Y. M. C. A. rooms the Association Wheelmen will hold a banquet and a very pleasant time will be had. After the banquet a business meeting will be held, officers will be elected for the year and a new constitution and by-laws will be adopted.

At Columbia opera house "The Span of Life" will be presented by a strong company. This is said to be one of the best and most popular plays on the stage at the present time and should call out a large and representative audience.

The ladies of the Congregational church will serve one of their excellent suppers at the church from 7 to 8 o'clock, the price being only 15 cents.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS

—ON—

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Reducing Expenses.

The Pittsfield board of public works are evidently beginning to heed the criticism of expenses in their department, and besides dispensing with Clerk Albrow of the sewer department, at \$700 a year, three assistant engineers are notified that their services are not required after January. The past year there has been a larger number of assistants than the work at hand seemed to require, and the expenses of the department have seemed much out of proportion to the work done.—Republican.

Volunteers of America.

The Volunteers will have a meeting to welcome their new officers, Captain Foley and Dringler this evening in Marshall street Mission hall. All are welcome and we would ask the friends each to bring a pound of groceries as the officers are in need of many things.

Medical Association Meets.

The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Berkshire Medical association was held in the Richmond house parlors Tuesday evening, sixteen members were present and the meeting was one of much interest. Dr. M. M. Brown read a paper on "Management of Fractures" which was well received. The subject was taken up for general discussion. Dr. J. R. Hobbie entertained the members.

A Veteran Lecturer Coming.

Prof. Robert Turner of Boston, who is known as one of the veteran lecturers of this country, will lecture at the Universalist church Friday evening on "The Old Curiosity Shop," "The Wanderings of Little Nell" and "Mafy, Queen of Scots." His illustrations are everywhere pronounced excellent.

CITY ELECTION.

It Is Mayor Houghton for Another Year. Bartlett Defeats Peach for Assessor.

CANDIDATES ELECTED.

Mayor, A. C. Houghton. Councilmen, Three Years: Armstrong, Cutting, Barnard, Hamer, Hooker, Perry, Wills. Councilman; (to fill vacancy.) Mort. Assessor, Three Years: Bartlett. Assessor, One Year: Ford. Library Trustee, Three Years: Brown. School Committee, Three Years: Hunter and Church. License: Yes, 1415; No, 1120.

As was stated in Tuesday's paper, the city election passed off very quietly, but that interest was not lacking is shown by the fact that a total vote cast was 2623, against 2685 at the first city election. It had been commonly predicted that the vote Tuesday would not much exceed 2,000. While the contests were few, some of them were quite spirited, and there was considerable interest in the license question. The liquor interests did some work in the afternoon, but the majority for license was reduced from that of last year, when it was 822. This year it is 265.

THE VOTE IN DETAIL.

WARDS.	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Total.
MAYOR.								
Albert C. Houghton, r d.....	159	242	294	223	269	321	262	1770
COUNCILMEN, Three Years.								
Wm. Armstrong, r d.....	137	253	230	171	213	232	262	1498
Edwin Barnard, r.....	127	196	240	169	230	228	190	1339
John F. Bowes, d.....	50	108	121	149	68	125	171	792
Charles H. Cutting, r d.....	178	237	297	221	305	237	273	1818
John B. Donovan, d.....	60	119	96	116	70	102	158	721
Morris Gatsliek, d.....	51	105	133	107	104	154	147	801
Harry R. Hamer, r.....	192	153	192	137	190	170	187	1180
Fred. F. Hooker, r.....	77	119	167	115	144	165	103	890
George B. Perry, r.....	89	84	154	94	204	160	113	898
Albert A. Wills, r.....	97	95	157	122	141	128	70	810
COUNCILMAN, One Year.								
Thomas A. Mort, r.....	171	172	222	147	229	202	149	1286
Charles E. Whitney, d.....	73	144	170	169	169	169	184	1099
ASSESSOR, Three Years.								
C. G. Bartlett, d.....	93	185	171	188	169	211	232	1247
Charles S. Peach, r.....	165	157	228	145	190	183	127	1205
ASSESSOR, One Year.								
John H. Adams, d.....	50	115	110	106	100	129	175	783
Charles W. Ford, r.....	204	218	269	196	247	247	178	1554
LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 3 Yrs.								
Clarence A. Brown, r d.....	220	282	333	252	320	336	289	2032
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 3 Yrs.								
A. B. Church, r d.....	213	255	223	230	306	311	253	1891
James D. Hunter, r d.....	234	272	331	217	318	324	281	2010
LICENSE.								
Yes.....	146	212	513	185	159	231	268	1415
No.....	125	141	189	149	211	177	128	1120

BLANK VOTE.

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Total.
Mayor,	117	118	124	123	104	84	151	821
Councilmen, Three Years.	342	351	317	354	217	310	441	2332
Councilmen, One Year.	36	50	29	41	39	54	80	329
Assessors, Three Years.	22	24	19	23	20	22	44	174
Assessors, One Year.	26	38	42	49	29	39	60	283
Library Trustee, 3 Years.	60	82	88	99	58	80	124	591
School Com. 3 Years.	128	205	194	229	136	199	289	1380
License.	9	11	20	17	9	8	17	91

AN INTERESTING LECTURE.

Given by Professor Mears Before the Tuesday Night Institute.

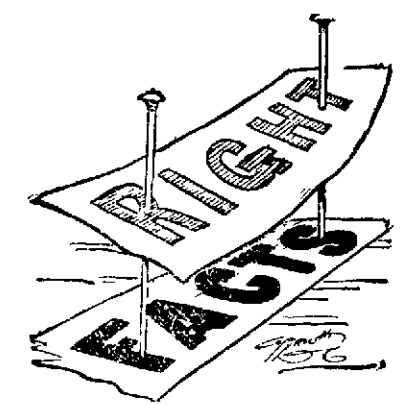
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A Greater Variety, A Larger
Stock, and Lower Prices than
any other store in the city.

Not in Fifty Years have I sold
Watches, Jewelry, Solid Sil-
ver, Cut Glass, or Novelties
as low as I am now. My store
is crowded with a full, fresh
stock. I have a quantity of fine
plated tea sets and single
pieces which I propose to sell
at just one-half price to close
them out quick. The
time to make your selections
for Christmas is now at the

Old and Reliable
Wilson Block Jeweler

L. M. BARNES



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Baled Shavings 9 "

Difference a ton \$13
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SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in
Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

The Board of Health and Its Duties--
Joseph Daniels Arrested for
Cruelty to Animals--Dr. Lyman
Abbott's Lecture--Two Accidents
Tuesday--Program of the High
School Christmas Exercises--To-
day's Court News--Joint Installa-
tion of Relief Corps and Grand
Army Officers--Events of this
Evening--Other Local News.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Supposed to be a Last Resort for
People in Distress.

Monday a man who has not been long in
the United States, and who lives in the
Needham block on Park street called upon
Chairman Peter T. Connors of the board
of health and told this tale of woe: A no-
tice had been served upon him by a sheriff,
to quit the tenement. He was in arrears
for rent but had the money and was will-
ing to pay it, he said but for one thing.
A laundry had recently been started in
the building and its boilers had been con-
nected with the chimney which was not
large enough to accommodate all the
smoke. The man wanted the board of
health to stop the smoke from being
forced back into his apartments and he
would pay his rent and be happy.

Many people hold the opinion, like the
man in question, concerning the duties
and offices of the board of health. Be-
cause there is a certain amount of con-
tagious disease in and about town at the
present time, although the two working
members of the board are doing all in
their power to suppress it, these people
are finding fault in every way with the
board. I very week tours of inspection
are made and whenever anything objec-
tionable is found it is done away with.
Every case of diphtheria or scarlet fever
cannot be traced to a dirty cess pool or an
unclean spot. The new ones are caught
from the older ones.

The Christmas Exercises.

The annual Christmas exercises of the
high school seniors will be held at the
opera house Thursday evening. The ex-
ercises are open to the public. Following
is the program:

Anthem--Arise Shine.....Williams
An HOUR WITH HOLMES.....

The Deacon's Masterpiece.....
Mrs. Faith Chase

Dyoths Q.....

Holmes as a Personal Friend.....

Holmes as a Friend of the World.....

The Chamberlain's Nuptials.....

Grandmother's Story of Hunter Hill.....

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United Workmen's New Officers.

Greglock Lodge of United Workmen
elected their new officers for the ensuing
year Tuesday evening: Master workman,
Harry B. Ford; foreman, Fred C. Sher-
man; overseer, Charles J. Copeland; re-
corder, P. R. Harrington; financier,
Thomas J. J. receiver, Edward R. Kar-
ner; guide, Henry Kaiser; inside watch-
man, W. H. Boynton; outside watchman,
Charles Delaney; representative to grand
lodge, Walter P. Beckwith; alternate, P.
I. Wilder; trustee for three years, L. A.
Hart. These officers will probably be
installed January 5.

in Court This Morning.

Two big fellows giving the name of
Baptist and Peter Hansen, were creating
a disturbance on Spring street Tuesday
afternoon and when Officer Broadner in-
terfered they attacked him, one of the men
drawing a knife. A tussle followed and
when it was over Officer Broadner could
be seen going towards the police station
with two men, one hand on the collar of
each. They were charged tamely with
drunkenness this morning and were fined
\$5 each.

A Joint Installation.

Acting upon the invitation of George
E. Sayles Grand Army post, the Woman's
Relief Corps voted Tuesday evening to
have a joint installation of officers with
the post on the night of January 5. The
corps will serve supper and there will be
a general good time. W. L. Crozier of
Williamstown will install the Grand
Army officers and Mrs. Burdick of North
Adams, junior vice-department officer,
will install the relief corps.

To Hear Lyman Abbott.

It is probable that the audience which
will hear Lyman Abbott in the Congrega-
tional church at North Adams this even-
ing will be made up largely of Adams
people. Many of them intend to go to
hear him this evening. Dr. Abbott is a
personal friend of Rev. A. B. Penman,
pastor of the local Congregational church.

Events of the Evening.

Lyman Abbott will lecture in the Con-
gregational church at North Adams.
Supper will be served in the Congrega-
tional parish house.
The women of Trinity Methodist church
will serve supper.

William Dunn was awarded the tickets
offered by Publisher Boorn for the great-
est number of mistakes found in the opera
house program of last Saturday evening.
He found eighteen errors.

Peter Hackett of Fitchburg is in town.
Mrs. P. H. Gorman was in Pittsfield
Tuesday.

Supt. A. F. Knight is in Boston on busi-
ness.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Plunkett are in
Boston.

Christmas night there will be a tree in
the Baptist church and special exercises
will be carried on in connection with it.
A special musical program will be ren-
dered Sunday, the 27th.

James T. Baker has a very pretty show
window. A Christmas tree is set on one
side and opposite it is an imitation birch
rope-place, made with birch bark. Be-
fore the fire are hung stockings, shoes
and boots ready for Santa Claus to fill.

"The Story of the Stars" is the name of
a cantata which will be sung at Zion's
chapel Sunday evening, December 27.
Supper will be served Christmas evening.

The Alert hose company has appointed
this committee to arrange for the annual
ball to be held February 26. J. Wells
Thompson, A. H. McKenzie, T. P. Welch,
J. R. Pickett, A. H. Streeter, H. M. Fern,
George E. Lyons, Dr. A. K. Boon and
James Murray. The officers will also act
on this committee.

Rev. Judson Smith of Boston will preach
at the Congregational church Sunday.
The Christmas sale at St. Mark's parish
house Tuesday evening was very success-
ful in every way.

CHESHIRE.

Literary Society Organized.

Several young men of the town met
Monday evening at the Baptist parsonage
to consider the advisability of forming a
literary society. Nelson Martin was
chosen temporary chairman and Gordon
Plus temporary secretary. After con-
siderable discussion it was decided to
form a society to be known as The Young
Men's Literary Society of Cheshire. The
following officers were elected: Presi-
dent, Nelson Martin; secretary, Gordon
Plus; treasurer, Edwin Williams. This
society is open to all respectable young
men of the town. The first regular meet-
ing will be held next Monday evening at
7:30 at the parsonage. Mr. Whitehouse
will be the reader of the evening, the
selection being from Shakespeare's "Mer-
chant of Venice." Several members are
to be admitted on that evening.

Henry Roncoe has been in Chicopee
Falls this week. Mr. Roncoe and son,
Harry, the trick cyclist, have signed a
contract with Spaulding Bros., for the
next season.

Mid-week prayer meeting will be held
at Baptist and Methodist churches
tonight. A cottage prayer meeting will
be held at Clarence's Falls Thursday
evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lord of North
Adams were the guests of Mrs. Mortimer
Curtis Tuesday.

Two Sons of Temperance will have nom-
ination of officers Thursday evening.
Mrs. Dennis Manner, who has been ill,
is convalescent.

Quite a number attended the donation
at the home of Chester Chilson Tuesday
evening given for the benefit of Rev.
McCallum of Savoy.

Several of the young ladies will give a
luncheon at the home of the hall Wednes-
day evening December 28. Palmer's or-
chestra of Adams will furnish the music
and the A. S. Amptson on Christmas day.

Miss Alice Kingsley has returned to
Burlington, Vt.

Rev. R. S. Kellman of Orange will
preach at the Universalist church Sunday.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Mrs. J. J. George of the Duncan house
left today for a few days' visit in Boston.
Dr. Olds went to New York today to
spend a week.

Nelson Brooks is building a new house
on Cole avenue.

College will close Thursday for three
weeks.

S. G. Tenney's lecture at the Methodist
church Tuesday evening on "From Suez
to Sinai" was very interesting and
entertaining.

Williams lodge of Masons will install its
new officers tonight.

Prof. Lawrence is drilling the young
people who are to present a cantata at
Christmas time.

WEST HAWLEY.

Miss Mabel White is home from Ver-
mont for a few weeks.

John Vincent is home for the winter.
His daughter, Mrs. Charles Siles.

J. J. Cranfill has finished his job of
sawing lumber at Savoy and has moved
his mill back to Fullerville.

L. C. Vincent's hired man was injured
severely while sawing logs last week. The
log rolled and threw him about thirty feet
from where he was standing, breaking
his thumb and bruising his hips and
shoulders badly.

While George Weber a boy about
twelve years old was riding horse back
last Wednesday the horse dropped dead
falling upon the boy who could not ex-
tricate himself. Fortunately Walter
Maynard was in the woods and hearing
his cries for help found him and helped
him out. He was severely bruised but no
bones were broken.

Mrs. W. A. Fuller is sick with rheuma-
tism.

Hawley and Savoy are in hopes of two
mills a day.

Mrs. Anna Stetson and son Clarence of
Ashfield visited at W. A. Fuller's last
week.

SAVOY CENTER.

Mrs. A. J. McCulloch was quite ill a day
or two last week, but is better.

Marque Cain visited relatives and friends
in Readsboro and Whitingham last week.

There will be a Christmas tree at the
Union church on Christmas night and
other appropriate exercises.

Miss Idella Ford is at work for Mrs. M.
A. Biss.

The young people of this place and the
Center gave the Misses Farnie and Edie
Burnett quite a surprise last Friday even-
ing at their father's H. W. Burnett. About
forty were present. Dancing was enjoyed
until the early hours in the morning.

News came last Saturday that Austin
Polly of Chesterfield was injured in a mill
where he was at work last Friday so that
he died the next morning. Mr. Polly
was a former resident of this town and
has a sister, Mrs. Ford, living here.

FLORIDA.

Newton Rice is attending the Bliss
Business college in North Adams.

Fred Rice has entered the high school
at North Adams.

Mrs. G. N. Thatcher has been spending
a week with relatives in North Adams.

Rev. F. E. Coburn has returned after a
two weeks' visit with friends in Lowell.

Miss McLaughlin, who has been teach-
ing school in district No. 2 for the fall
term, has taken the Tunnel school for the
winter term.

Christmas entertainment will be held
at the church on Friday evening, the
25th. It is hoped that the friends will all
be interested and help to make a

ONLY ONE WAY.

To Settle It. Get Down to
Causes. A North Adams
Lady Does So.

It was an Irish student who attempted
to refute the professors' lecture on Cause
and Effect. He objected to the axiom
principle that cause is always first and
effect consequence and he illustrated his
theory by citing one of his countrymen
pushing a wheelbarrow. Whatever reason-
ing may be necessary to establish the
Irishman's contention, one thing is sure,
is, certainly, is incontrovertible, cause al-
ways goes first in kidney disease and the
effect follows. Bad back from disordered
kidneys are very common. No condition
or class of humanity is exempt. Some
cases are old and chronic and stubborn to
remove. Some are first attacks and easily
disposed of by Doan's Kidney Pills. If
this fact could be only impressed upon
the public want a world of suffering
would be prevented. Perhaps the exam-
ple of Mrs. Catherine Russell 49 Centre
street may influence our readers to try
Doan's Kidney Pills if they are pestered
with backache or to advise their friends
to do so. That lady says: "Until a short
time ago I never had anything wrong
with my kidneys neither did I have back-
ache nor dizziness. This was my first and
only attack but it was severe enough to
make me realize how painful such
troubles are. Dull aching over the kid-
neys, sharp pains in the small of my back
when I moved quickly or stooped annoyed
me continually. Oh how my back would
ache if I stood on my feet for any length
of time. When I read about Doan's Kid-
ney Pills being a certain cure for those
troubles I obtained a box from the drug
store of Burlingame & Darby's. I con-
cluded that I had experienced all that
was necessary of kidney trouble and I was
quite ready for relief, if it were to be had.
I got relief and that before I had com-
pleted a box. Doan's Kidney Pills cer-
tainly made me perfectly sound. I have
good reason for advising all my friends
to try them. You can use my name as a
reference."

Doan's Kidney Pills are for sale by all
dealers. Free 50 cents or mailed by
Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole
agents for the United States.

Having an Enormous Line of Holiday
Novelties and to accommodate our pat-
rons we shall remain open every even-
ing until Xmas, beginning Wednesday.

BARNARD & COMPANY.

\$3,400.00 CASH AND PRIZES
GIVEN FREE EACH MONTH
FOR
Sunlight
SOAP
WRAPPERS

As follows:
4 First Prizes, each of \$100 Cash - \$400.00
20 Second " " " \$100.00 - 2,000.00
40 Third " " " \$25.00 - 1,000.00
Cash and Prizes given each month - \$3,400.00

Total given during 12 mos. 1897, \$40,800.00

HOW TO OBTAIN THEM.
Competitors to enter as many SUNLIGHT
SOAP Wrappers as they can collect. Cut
off the top portion of each wrapper, that
portion containing the word "GIVEAWAY".
These (called "Coupons") are to be sent
to the nearest Sunlight Soap Dispensing
Station, enclosed with the wrapper, and
the number of Coupons sent to the nearest
Dispensing Station will determine the num-
ber of the DISPENSING COMPETITOR lives in.

NAME OF DISTRICT.
New York City, Brooklyn, Long
Island and Western New York.
New York State (outside of N. Y. City,
Brooklyn, Long Island and Western New
York).
Pennsylvania, Delaware, Mary-
land, West Virginia and Dis-
trict of Columbia.
The New England States.
The Middle States.
The Southern States.
The Pacific States.
The Hawaiian Islands.

1. Every month during 1897, in each of the 4 districts
prizes will be awarded as follows:
The 1. Competitor who sends in the
largest number of coupons from
the district in which he or she resides
will receive \$100.00 Cash.
The 2. Competitor who sends in the
Next Largest Number of coupons
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resides will receive \$50.00 Cash.
The 3. Competitor who sends in the
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resides will receive \$25.00 Cash.
The 4. Competitor who sends in the
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The 5. Competitor who sends in the
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The 6. Competitor who sends in the
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The 7. Competitor who sends in the
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from the district in which he or she
resides will receive \$1.56 Cash.
The 8. Competitor who sends in the
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resides will receive \$0.78 Cash.
The 9. Competitor who sends in the
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The 10. Competitor who sends in the
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